

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1421

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Colonel Scott Manning,
United States Air Force, upon the occasion of
his receipt of a leadership award.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize members of the United States Armed Forces who have established distinguished records during their military careers and who have demonstrated great courage and competence in service to their country; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Scott "Zing" Manning, United States Air Force, is one such outstanding officer who has served this Nation in both peace and war with great valor, professionalism, and dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, a recent graduate of the Air War College, he has earned a professional military award recognizing his significant leadership acumen; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Bowling Green State University who earned a Master of Arts degree from the University of London and a Master of Strategic Studies degree from Air University, Col. Manning has rendered sterling service throughout his many years in the U.S. Air Force; he has performed admirably as a pilot and instructor pilot of diverse aircraft, including the A-10, T-38, and F-16, while serving across the globe, from South Korea to the United Kingdom to Arizona; and

WHEREAS, his leadership qualities are unassailable and have been evidenced in his roles as the Commander of the 79th Fighter Squadron and as Deputy Maintenance Group Commander of the 20th Fighter Wing, 20th Maintenance Group; and

WHEREAS, Col. Scott Manning has earned the respect of his peers and supervisors alike for the superior quality of his work in such prestigious posts as Chief of Combat Operations

and Chief of Strategy Division for the United Kingdom Joint Force Air Component Headquarters;
and

WHEREAS, a valuable resource in our Nation's defense, Col. Manning has been a student at the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, since 2007; demonstrating his superior abilities, he has earned further renown for his participation in the Joint Land Sea and Air Simulation exercise and for his service as the project leader for the Air War College's involvement in the 33rd annual Jim Thorpe Sports Day interscholastic competition; and

WHEREAS, during his time at the Air War College, Col. Scott Manning proved himself to be an exceptional ambassador for the Air Force, as he hosted Representative Curt Cobb during the 55th Annual National Security Forum at Maxwell Air Force Base during the week of May 12-16, 2008; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Col. Manning's unswerving commitment to excellence has earned him the Distinguished Flying Cross with the V device, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal, the Aerial Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with the V device and a silver oak leaf cluster, the Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with one device, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Korean Defense Service Medal;
and

WHEREAS, his many professional achievements aside, Colonel Scott Manning is perhaps most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Diane, and his sons, Cole and Carter; and

WHEREAS, Col. Manning is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service and volunteerism that Tennesseans admire, and he should be specially recognized; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished military career of Colonel Scott Manning can only be categorized as outstanding, and his courage and ability are peerless; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Colonel Scott Manning on his outstanding career with the United States Air Force, congratulate him on the receipt of his most recent award, praise him for his dedication to his country, thank him for his unceasing commitment to duty, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for every continued success as the Commander of the Warrior Preparation Center at Einsiedlerhof Air Station in Germany and all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.